

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the interview held July 18, 2003, in the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicants' attorney discussed the various issues raised in the Office Action. The discussion is summarized and expanded upon below.

The rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as unpatentable over *J. Labelled Cpd. Radiopharm.* 43, 785-793 (2000) (Wada et al), is respectfully traversed. Submitted herewith are certified English translations of Applicants' priority applications, i.e., JP 11/259057, filed September 13, 1999 and JP 11/260315, filed September 14, 1999, as well as the priority documents themselves. The Examiner is respectfully requested to find that Applicants are entitled to the filing date of either of these priority applications under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Since either date is before the prior art date of Wada et al, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

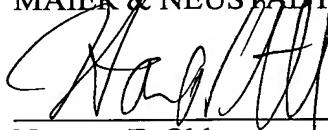
With regard to the Examiner's requirement of an Abstract, and as Applicants' counsel noted during the above-referenced interview, the present application was filed with an Abstract after the last page of claims, as page 21. Submitted herewith is another copy of the Abstract page. If the Abstract as filed is indeed missing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to insert the Abstract page submitted herewith at its appropriate location.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the present claims are now in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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